CITY INTELLIGENCE. DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Peret's Malt House on Race Street Burned Out—Loss \$65,000—A Fireman Injured. At a few minutes after 7 o'clock this morning the extensive four-story building running from Vine street to New, occupied as a malt house by F. Perot & Sone, was discovered on fire. The alarm being given, the firemen were on hand quickly. The flames by this time had broken through the third story windows, and the locality of the fire being in such an inaccessible spot (about the middle of the floor) that there was no chance of reaching it with water. The firemen were thus compelled to play the water on the building and through the windows of the second floor. The material of the two upper floors being of a decidedly inflammable nature, the flames coursed through them quickly, and it was not until those floors and the roof were destroyed that the fire was completely extinguished. It originated from one of the

The structure was surrounded by immense warehouses, and in its rear was Dr. Hutter's Lutheran Church, but through the exertions of the firemen all these buildings were saved from total destruction. Frank A. Strack, a member of the United States Engine Company, while on of the United States Engine Company, while on the roof of the malt-house, playing water on the adjacent property, fell through to the fourth floor into the midst of the flery element, but he succeeded in extricating himself from his peril-ous position, after having sustained severe burns. He was removed to his residence in the vicinity, where his injuries were pronounced not dangerous.

There were about 30,000 bushels of barley in the various processes of manufacture, all of which was destroyed by either fire or water. This was valued at \$45,000. The building, which is damaged to the extent of \$10,000, was insured for \$60,000. The stock and machinery were also insured for \$60,000, which will about cover the loss.

The structure on Vine street was divided by a recess which was used as an entrance and exit for the wagons. On either side of this, on the first floor, there were three stores. No. 310 was occupied by John Schymmick, tailor. The Fire Insurance Patrol saved this gentleman a very heavy loss by covering his stock with rubber blankets. Still there was some damage by water, but this is covered by an insurance of \$2000 in the New Amsterdam and Germania

No. 312 was the cigar store of F. E. Rocap. The greater part of his stock was removed at an early stage of the fire and the remainder was pretty well taken care of by the Insurance

No. 320 was occupied by George Metzger as a fishing tackle establishment. His loss will be about \$500 by water, which is fully covered by

insurance.
The Messrs. Perot estimate their entire loss at about \$65,000, which will be fully covered by insurance in the Reliance, Delaware Mutual, Fire Association, Spring Garden, Franklin, Girard, United Firemen's, Mechanic, and other

offices in this city. The insurances on the stock and building are

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THE BAPTISTS.

The Anniversaries of the National Societies to be Held in this City Next Week. The anniversaries of the national societies of the Baptist denomination will be held in this

city next week at the First Baptist Church. corner of Broad and Arch streets. The programme for the week is as follows:-On Monday evening, May 23, at 73% o'clock, the American Baptist Historical Society, Rev. Howard Malcom, D. D., President, will hold its

annual meeting. The annual report will be read, and interesting addresses delivered, the principal speaker being Professor Osgood, of the Crozer Theological Seminary.

On Tuesday, May 24, the American Baptist Missionary Union, Rev. M. B. Anderson, LL. D., President. Meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, and continue in session during the day and evening. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. W. W. Everts, D. D., of Chicago.

On Wednesday, May 25, the American and Foreign Bible Society, Hon. D. M. Wilson, Pre-sident, will hold its annual meeting, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On the same day the American Baptist Publication Society, William Phelps, Esq., President, will hold its meeting, commencing at 10% o'clock in the morning and continuing during the remainder of the day and evening. The annual sermon will be preached at the opening of the first session by the Rev. J. D. Fulton, of Boston, whose subject will be "The World". Boston, whose subject will be-"The World's need of a Baptist Literature."

On Thursday, May 26, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Hon. J. M. Hoyt, President, will hold its meeting, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning, and continuing in session during the afternoon.

On the evening of the same day a general meeting will be held at Horticultural Hall, for the promotion of the interests of the different enterprises of the denomination. A number of addresses will be delivered on this occasion by prominent persons connected with the Church. Admissions to this general meeting will be by tickets, which may be obtained, free of cost, at the Publication Society's rooms, and at the door on the evening of the meeting.

The committee of arrangements for the differ-

ent meetings, of which the Rev. J. S. Kennard is chairman, will be session at the First Baptist Church on Monday, May 23, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon throughout the remainder of the

A POPULAR MODE OF CONVEYANCE .- The high price demanded by hackmen for the conveyance of people from one part of the city to another, and particularly from the various rail-road depots, induced a number of gentlemen to apply to the last Legislature for an act incorporating the Union Transfer Company. The object then was, and it has since been demonstrated to be a success, to carry passengers at an extremely low rate of fare from the depot to their residences or the hotels. Having received a charter, a contract was entered into for the construction of suitable vehicles. Five of these have been completed, and on Mondaylast a trial trip was made through Fairmount Park. They are built for the accommodation of two passengers each, and are finished in good style, the inside furniture being peculiarly adaptable to the purpose stesigned. The company intend to have five "re completed in a short time, so that the purpose stesigned in a short time, so the purpose stesigned in a short time, so the purpose stesigned in a short time, so the purpose steel ten of them will be in use. Their that, in all, ten of them will be in use. Their cost will reach \$15,000. As the demand in-creases for the vehicles, the present number will also be increased. There seems to be scarcely a doubt that this cheap means of conveyance will be well patronized, and that the system will be kept in the best of order is guaranteed by the character of those having the matter in charge. Messengers of the Transfer Company will be on the trains of the Pennsylvania Central, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and Camden and Amboy Railroads, to make arrangements to convey pas-sengers to any point in the city they may desire se agents are to sell a ticket for a coupe at one dollar, or fifty cents for each passenger. That will be the rate of fare for any distance within two miles. Upon application at the offices of the company, Nos. 838 and 901 Chesnut street, a carriage will be sent to the house of any person desiring to go to a railroad denot. For use about the city a vehicle can be depot. For use about the city a vehicle can be had for one dollar per hour.

THE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION. This Morning's Proceedings of the Presbyte-

rinn General Assembly The Reports of the Committees Presented.

The General Assembly of the Reunited Presbyterian Church was called to order at 20 minutes after 9 o'clock this morning, by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Backus.

Devotional Exercises. The preliminary devotional exercises were opened by the singing of the 267th hymn, after which prayer was effered by Rev. J. T. Smith, D. D., of Newark, New Jersey.

The Moderator then read the parable of the ten

The Moderator then read the parable of the ten virgins, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Heory J. Van Dyke, D. D., of Brooklyn. After singing again, a prayer was made by Rev. Dr. McCosh. President of Princeton College.
Rev. Mr. Warner, of Utica, made a short and interesting address. He said he stood at the throne for himself. As he lived and improved the talent that was confided to him he should be judged. We must be faithful over what we have.

After singing the Doxology, the Moderator said the hour for proceeding to business had arrived.

Business Resumed. The Clerk then read the report of the proceedings of yesterday, which were unanimously adopted The calling of the roll was dispensed with by

A Congratulatory Despatch from Dr. Elliott. The Moderator read the following congratulatory despatch addressed to the Assembly by the venerable Dr. Elliott, who was the Moderator of the General Assembly of 1888, at which the memorable

schism occurred:—

"ALLECHENY CITY, Pa., May 19, 1570.—To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church:—The Moderator of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church immediately preceding the Presbyterian Church immediately preceding the separation, sends greeting to the first Reunited Assembly of the same, through their Moderator, praying that their proceedings may be distinguished by the wisdom that is from above, and cemented by the charity which is the bond of perfectness.

"David ELLIOTT, No. 302 Ridge street."

The reading of this despatch was received with evident satisfaction, and on its conclusion the Stated Clerk was directed, on motion, to send an appropriate response to Dr. Elliott.

A Resignation Refused Acceptance.

A Resignation Refused Acceptance. Judge Melloy tendered his resignation as one of the temporary clerks of the Assembly because both of the temporary clerks were from one body, and both from the West. He therefore nominated Rev. Ezra M. Kiugsley, of New York, for that position. A motion was made that his resignation be not accepted, which was agreed to by the Assembly.

Invitation from the Sunday School Union, An invitation from the Sunday School Union was read by the Clerk, asking the Assembly to attend the anniversary of that body. Received with thanks, Governor Pollock stated that the Sunday School Union had made arrangements for the attendance of the entire Assembly at the anniversary of the Union. Admission can be had by tickets only, but a sufficient number would be distributed from the platform of the house at the close of the morning

Election of an Extra Stated Clerk. Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D. D., of Steubenville, O., nominated Rev. Ezra M. Kingsley as an additional stated Clerk. Mr. Kingsley was unanimously

Dr. Howard Crosby, of New York, moved that the reception of abstracts of reports that are not printed be made the second order of the day for tomorrow. Carried.
The reception of the printed reports was then en-

tered into.

Mr. Rankin, of New York, moved to postpone the order of the day until half-past 3 o clock this afternoon, with the understanding that all the papers belonging to the presbytery should be furnished.

Adopted. Rev. Dr. Breed, of this city, moved that the Assembly hear the report of the Joint Committee on Publications. Adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Publications. Rev. D. Humphrey, chairman of the committee, presented the report. The report stated that the conveniences at present The report stated that the conveniences at present at the command of the Assembly for the purposes of publication are greatly inferior to the wants. The machinery was only barely able to do the work of the divided Assembly. It will be much more so for the united Church. A new board is wanted of good, strong men. A few men will perform more labor than a large board. A third necessity is the maintenance of a force of colporteurs who will found churches in places hitherto unreached. While no great and radical changes are needed, the time has arrived for a great enlargement of the useful.

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The report closed with the following resolutions, which will come up for the approval of the Assembly at a future time:—

1. That the said board and committee are hereby united under the name and title of the Presbyterian

Board of Publication.

2. That the said board shall henceforth be composed of forty-eight members, one-half of whom shall te ministers and one-half laymen. These members shall be divided into three classes, one class, containing eight ministers and eight laymen, after

the present year to be elected annually by the General Assembly for a term of three years. General Assembly for a term of three years.

3. In order to an immediate and thorough reorganization of the board all persons now members of the board and the committee are discontinued, and their membership ceases, and the following persons, taken in equal numbers from each of the laste branches, are recommended to fill the three classes.

(The names of the members of the class whose term shall expire at different times here follow.)

4. Said board shall hold at least four regular contents.

4. Said board shall hold at least four regular meetings in the course of each year, in the months of June, October, January, and April. Its first meeting shall be held at No. 821 Chesnut street, at 4 o'clock P. M., on the second Tuesday of June of the present pear.

5. The executive officers of the board shall be a

be defined by the board, and a treasurer.

6. All other internal arrangements necessary for carrying out the purposes of its organization shall be made by the Board of Publication after its reorganization.

7. Each presbytery is directed to appoint one or more of its members a presbyterial publication com-mittee, which committee shall in that presbytery supervise the work of securing an annual collection for this board from each of the churches, shall search out and recommend to the board suitable persons to act as colporteurs, shall correspond with he board in reference to its work in that presbytery and shall do whatever else may tend to promote the work and interests of the board and to secure a thorough distribution of the board's publications within and throughout the bounds of the pres-

8. All the property of every kind now owned by the Presbyterian Board of Publication and by the Presbyterian Publication Committee, or held by any Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of either of them, is hereby directed to be under and placed in possession of the trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, incorporated by the Legisla-ture of the State of Pennsylvania, and whose char-ter was approved by the Governor of that State on ter was approved by the Governor of that State on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1847; and in order that the late two branches of the Presbyterian Church, now happily reunited, may have, as nearly as possible, an equal representation in said Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication (there now being enough vacancies by death and resignation to effect the changes proposed), the Board of Publication is directed at its next meeting in the month of June to elect the following persons to be members of its Board of Trustees: to be members of its Board of Trustees:-

For One Year-Alexander Whilldin, Samuel C. Perkins, Arch. McIntyre.

For Two Years-Morris Patterson, William E. Ten-

For Three Years-George Junkin, James Ross Snowden, Robert N. Wilson.

9. The Trustees of the Presbyterian House are hereby directed to convey, by a good and sufficient legal title to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, the house and lot Nos. 1334 and 1336 Chesnut street, now occupied by the Presbyterian Publication Committee in part as a book store, and any other property now in their possession, for the use of the Presbyterian Publication Committee: and should any legal difficulties be found in the way of making such conveyance or transfer, then the Trustees of the Presbyterian House and the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication are hereby directed to procure as speedily as possible such special enactments from the Legislature of this State, or decrees of any courts of competent jurisdiction, as shall remove the difficulties.

10. It is to be understood by all parties to this arrangement, and is directed by this General Assembly, that this property thus vested in the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, together with all which may hereafter be given to it for publication purposes, and all the net profits of its business, are to be perpetually and sacredly used in the work of publishing and diffusing sacred religious literature, and for no other purpose, in accordance with trusts heretofore accepted and pledges heretofore given.

11. The General Assembly recommends the Board Snowden, Robert N. Wilson.

The General Assembly recommends the Board of Publication, as soon as practicable after its reor-ganization, to sell its house and lot No. 821 Ches-nut street, and to provide a large house, adequate to its now extended operations, and to the pros-pective growth of its business, in the premises Nos. 1234 and 1236 Chesnut street, or in that vicinity. 12. In order that the above recommendation may be carried out so as to provide ample accommoda-

tions for the board's future business, and as far as possible for all other Presbyterian interests in this city, without the absorption of any part of its capital now used and needed for the publication and distribution of our religious literature, it is recommended that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be raised among our churches and people for the erection and equipment of said Publication House, and all contributions made thereto shall be recognized as a part of the offering of \$5,000,000 which it was at Pitts burg resolved to raise.

13. All the committees and officers of the Board of Publication and of the Publication Committee are requested to continue to perform their respective duties as at present until otherwise directed by the newly organized Board of Publication.

The report was received, and it was ordered to be put upon the docket.

Committee to Revise the Rules.

Committee to Revise the Rules. Dr. G. W. Musgrave, of Philadelphia, moved that a committee of five be appointed to revise the rules of the different judicatories, who shall report at the next Assembly. Carried.

Hon. J. Ross Snowden moved that two thousand

copies of the roll be printed for the use of the Assembly. Carried. Report on Disabled Clergymen. The report of the Committee on the Relief of Disabled Clergymen was received from Dr. Shepherd. The report recommended the continuance of the present officers. The report was adopted and ordered to be placed upon the docket.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Moderator announced the names of the Committee on Devitional Exercises as follows:— Revs. E. R. Beadle, D. D., G. F. Wiswell, D. D., D. A. Canningham, James Y. Mitchell; and Elders Pollock, Hildebran, Carter, and Rankin.

The Delegates from Abroad Several commissions were received from various commissioners from different foreign bodies, Among them were those of the Free Church of Scotland, Rev. William Arnot and Professor John S. Blackie, of I dinburgh; those of the United Presbyterian Church of Great Britain, Rev. Dr. Edmund of London, and Rev. Dr. Macleod, of Birkenhead, near Liverpool; and those of the Irish Presbyterian Church, Rev. Prof. Watts and Thomas Sinclair, Esq., of Belfast. Dr. Dill, of Londonderry, had been appointed one of the de egates from the last named body, but his death was announced by a cable debody, but his death was announced by a cable de-spatch recently.

The commissions were referred to the

Committee on Correspondence, which the Moderator announced to be composed of

the following:

Revs. H. J. Van Dyke, James B. Shaw, J. C. Watson. S. M. Campbell, and A. McLean; and Elders W. Rankin and Robert Russell.

The several other standing commit tees were then announced, and, after subsequent changes, stood as The Standing Committees.

On Bills and Overtures—Revs. P. H. Fowler, D. D., G. W. Musgrave, D. D., S. W. Speer, R. W. Patter-son, D. D., H. H. Allen, S. T. Wilson, D. D., H. Ken-dall, D. D., and J. B. Spottswood, D. D.; Elders J. P. Crosby, Hon. James Pollock, Isaac scarrill, Julius King, William B. Canfield, Dr. James Taylor, and King, William B. Canfield, Dr. James Taylor, and W. G. Murdocks. Judicial Committee.—Revs. M. W. Jacobus, D. D.,

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Cn. Foreign Missions.—Revs. R. R. Booth, D. D.

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On Home Missions—Revs. William M. Paxton, Henry Darling, D. D., B. G. Riley, George C. Heckman, D. D., W. A. Niles, D. D., J. R. Dunn, J. H. Trowbridge; and Elders G. F. Wood, Richard Edwards, Samuel Thompson, Dr. W. B. Lyons, Robert Cornelius, W. J. Cornwell, James Paull.

On Education—Revs. S. M. Hopkins, R. D. Harper, Wm. S. Curtis, S. G. Ralson, U. W. Gaertnor, Robert Dickson, William W. Williams, and C. R. Gregory; and Elders Prof. Stephen Alexander, M. S. Converse, J. S. Kirkwood, O. Kendall, and S. H. Mather.

On Publications—James McCosh, D. D., B. W. Chidlan, D. D., C. C. Carr, Trowbridge, I. A. Priest, J. M. Smith, and A. Bryant; and Elders David Keith, J. D. Gillett, J. C. Garrison, F. M. Chase, Nathaniel Ewing, and John A. Renshaw.

On Church Erection—Revs. Howard Crosby, D. D., F. D. Ward, D. D., J. B. Rellinger, D. D., Joseph D. Crum, Thomas R. Crawford, D. D., J. F. Kendall, and Sheldon Jackson, and Elders, W. W. and Sheldon Jackson, and Elders, W. M. and M. Mather.

Crum, Thomas R. Crawford, D. D., J. F. Kendall, and Sheldon Jackson; and Elders A. W. Williams, J. C. Lewis, G. W. Fowle, S. R. Parvin, O. B. Cunn, Joseph Ridgley, Dr. W. B. Lyon.

On Theological Seminaries—Revs. Wm. Adams, D.D., V. D. Reed, D.D. J. P. Wilson, D.D., W. E. McLauren, J. L. Robinson, D. A. Cunningham, P. Mason, and J. A. Lewis; and Elders Professor E. North, D. S. Courtney, E. W. Kingsley, G. R. Fox, and J. W. Holleabach. Fox, and J. W. Hollenbach.

On Ministerial Relief—Revs. T. Sprole, D.D., J. H.
Noble, D.D., James Alexander, D.D., Charles Stebbins, William Irvin, R. H. H. Kellogg, and T. H.
Cleland; and Elders Stephen Ives, William Beard,
John C. Hines, William Torrey, Dr. W. F. Wilson,

and H. F. Kemper.

On Freedmen-Bider General E. M. Gregory. chairman; Revs. S. C. Logan, Horace Eaton, John Stocton, D. E. Berce, D. Tully, A. G. Ennell, J. Boll-ville, and Charles Brown; and Elders R. McKee, J. W. Edward, and S. J. Monfort.

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On Correspondence—Revs. H. J. Van Dyke, D. D., J.
B. Shaw, D. D., J. C. Watson, D. D., Samuel M.
Campbell, D. D., and A. McLean; and Elders William Rankir, Jr., Robert Kassell.

On Nerrative of Religion—Revs. T. L. Cuyler,
D. D., W. P. Breed, D. D., R. Kingsbury, D. D., and
R. G. Thompson; and Elders J. E. Warner, Hon. E.
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Robinson, W. W. McKenney, and O. M. Johnson;
and Elder G. W. Simons.

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On Finance—Elders J. D. Vermilye, E. A. Lambert, David Robinson, and J. Ross Snowden.

On Devotional Exercises—Revs. Elias R. Beadle, D. D., George F. Wiswell, D. D., David A. Cunningham, and James Y. Mitchell; and Elders Hon. James Pollock, William L. Hildeburn, Robert Carter, and Thomas Bond.

The Union Theological Seminary. Dr. William Adams, of New York, submitted the

Dr. William Adams, of New York, submitted the following:

Whereas, In the recent negetiations for reuniting the two branches of the Presbyterian Church, great importance was attached to some uniform system of osciosiastical supervision over the several theological seminaries of the denomination; and

Whereas, The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary in New York—an institution founded before the disruption of the Presbyterian Church, belonging exclusively to neither of its branches, and administered upon its own independent charter—desirous of doing all in their power to establish confidence and harmony throughout the whole Church in respect to the education of its members; and

Whereas, It has appeared to many, and especially to those who took an active part in founding the Union Theological Seminary, that there are many disadvantages, intellecties, not to say at times perils, in the election of professors of these seminaries directly and immediately by the General Assembly itself—a body so large, in session for so short a time, and composed of members to so great an extent resident at a distance from the seminaries thomselves, and therefore personally unacquainted with many things which pertain to their true interest, and usefulness: therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, being all of them ministers or members of the Presbyterian Church, do hereby memorialize the General Assembly may be pleased tof adopt it as a rule and plan in the exercise of the proprietorship and control over the several Theological Seminaries, that so far as the election of professors is concorned, the Assembly will commit the same to their respective Board of Directors on the following terms and conditions.

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nary shall be authorized to appoint all professors for the same.

2. That all such appointments shall be reported to the General Assembly, and no such appointment of professor shall be considered as a complete election if disapproved by a major vote of the assembly, And further be it resolved. That the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary in New York, persuaded that the plan proposed in the memorial will meet the cordial approval of the patrons, donors, and friends of all these seminaries, and contribute to the peace and prosperity of the Church, do hereby agree, if the said plan shall be adopted by the General Assembly, that they will agree to conform to the same, the Union Seminary in New York being in this respect upon the same ground with other theological seminaries of the Princeton Seminary.

The Affairs of the Princeton Seminary. Attention was called by Dr. G. W. Musgrave to the report of the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary, which was read by the Clerk.

The report states that in the opinion of the board the salaries of the professors ought to be increased to \$3000 per annum, and the board hereby requests the Assembly to so increase them from May 1, 1869. The following paper has been unanimously adopted by the board:—

by the board:—
"In the negotiations leading to the union of the two branches of our Church it was unanimously agreed by the joint committee that as the theological seminaries connected with the 'New School' were either independent or under synodical control, any seminary under the General Assembly of the 'Old School' might, at the discretion of its Beard of Directors, be freed from the direct control of the Assembly of the united Church. This was regarded as due to fairness and courtesy.

"As, however, the endowments of this seminary are held on the condition that it should be subject to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, it can neither be rendered independent nor placed

under the centrol of one or more synods. The board therefore respectfully requests the General Assembly so to after the pian of the seminary that that the directors shall hereafter have the right to appoint and to remove the professors, subject to the veto of the General Assembly, and also the right to supply their own vacancies, subject to a like veto.

"This would leave the institution subject to the control of the Assembly, as no man could have a place either in the faculty or in the board of whom the assembly did not approve. It would require the following change in the plan, viz.:—

"Article 1—Of the General Assembly.' Section 1 (should read). As this institution derives its origin from the General Assembly, that body is to be considered as the fountain of its powers. Section 2. The Board of Directors appointed by the Assembly shall have the immediate control of the seminary. Section 3 to be omitted. Section 4 to remain as it is.

"Article 2—'Of the Board of Directora.' Section 1.

The Board of Directora shall consist of twenty-one ministers and nine ruling elders, and shall have power to fill its own vacancies, subject to the veto of the General Assembly. Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to elect the professors and to remove them from office, subject to the veto of the General Assembly. They have also the power to suspend temporarily a professor preliminary to and pending an investigation of charges against his life or doctrine. These to be followed by sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, which are to remain as they are. Section 10 to be omitted.

"Article 3—'Of the Professors.' Section 1. The number of professors in the seminary shall be increased or diminished as the Board of Directors shall from time to time direct. Section 2 to remain as it is. Section 3 to remain as it is. Section 4. The salaries of the professors shall be determined by the board. The other salaries to remain as they are.

"It was also resolved that Messra, Junkin, Findlay, and Sharswood be a committee to examine Article VII of the plan of the seminary, and to propose to the Assembly such alterations as may bring that article into harmony with the other alterations proposed in the report just adopted.

"Respectfully submitted,
"By order of the Board of Directors,"
"William E. Schenck, Secretary."

The Adjournment.

After the transacting of universate business. it is. "Article 2—'Of the Board of Directors.' Section 1.

The Adjournment. After the transacting of unimportant business, the announcement of committee meetings, and the like, the Assembly adjourned until half-past 3

O'clock.

The new Moderator, Rev. J. Trumbull Backus, D. D., who presided throughout the session of this morning, is a silver-haired and genial-countenanced man, with an unmistakably clerical demeanor. He is about fifty-eight years of age, and fer a long time has been settled over his present charge in Schencetady, N. Y., a church which was connected with the late "Old School" branch. Dr. Backus is also one of the trustees of Union College. His nomination for the Moderatorship by Kev. Dr. Adams, one of the leading men in the late "New School" branch, was neatly done, and his unanimous election was an earnest of the harmony which is to reign in the Church in the future. As a concession to meet this advance on the part of the "New School" men, Dr. Musgrave, of this city, of the late "Old School" branch, nominated Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., of New York, for the position of Stated Clerk, the second office of importance being thus accorded to a representative of the late "New School" element.

THE P. E. CONVENTION.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Report of the Committee on Episcopal Residence-Parochial Reports-Diocesan Mission Work, Etc. Etc. Etc.

The convention reassembled this morning at 10 o'clock precisely. The minutes of the preceding session were read and adopted. The list of churches in arrears to the Episcopal and Convention Funds was then read, showing a deficit of over \$700, one church owing \$96. The Committee on Episcopal Residence re-

ported as follows :ported as follows:—

The Committee on an Episcopal Residence respectfully report that after the adjournment of the last convention, and in accordance with its instructions, the committee had the property which had been purchased for an Episcopal residence, and so reported to the convention, conveyed to the Trustees nominated by the convention, viz., Thomas Robins, John Wetherill, and Thomas H. Montgomery, who are Trustees of the Episcopsi Fund. That these premises have been in the occupancy of the Bishop of the diocese since October 19, 1869.

That the cost of the property, as originally purchased, including policy of insurance, was.

\$20,228.96

Cost of additions and repairs to the property and of furniture for the same

Total cost of residence and furniture..... \$37,612-59 Total cost of residence and furniture....\$37,612 \$9

The committee have been unable promptly to extinguish the ground rent, in consequence of the non-payment of subscription by parishes, amounting to \$2522, but are happy to state that a part of this sum has now been paid, and the remainder otherwise provided, so that the incumbrance of \$5600 will be immediately extinguished. The documents, including schedule of furniture, are in the hands of the above named Trustees. The contributions for the expenditure of \$37,612 29 were as follows:

\$5.586-29

The following resolution is respectfully offered:

That the Committee on an Episcopal Residence be lischarged.

S. V. MERRICK,
GEORGE L. HARRISON,
LEMUEL COPPIN, JOHN D. TAYLOR, H. H. HOUSTON, ASA PACKER,

The following amendment was offered:-"That the report be printed in the journal, and after the cancellation of the ground-rent the committee be discharged,

The report was then adopted.

The thanks of the convention were then returned Rev. Mr. Harris offered a resolution that a com-Rev. Mr. Harris offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to select designs for a diocese seal, and that they have them executed. This was referred to the Standing Committee.

Mr. Welsh offered the following:—

Resolved, That the mode of altering canons be referred to the Committee on Alterations of Canons for consideration, and that the same report to the next convention.

next convention.

Mr. J. V. Merrick offered the following:—

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Resolved, 1. That a committee of five be appointed,
of which the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of
this House shall be members, to revise, and, if necessary, amend the details of the existing form of
parochial report, so that a complete statement of
parish work can be obtained, particularly as to income, expenditure, and financial condition. 2. That
the period to be hereafter covered by the annual
reports of parishes shall be that terminating with reports of paris's shall be that terminating with Easter Monday of each year. 3. That the Secretary be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue the revised form of report without further action by

Dr. Beesley moved to strike out Easter Monday The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Rev. Mr. Mears offered the following:

Whereas, The church at Philipsburg, Centre county, Pa., heretofore known as Trinity Church, has received and is now working under new charter and a new name, that of St. Paul's, duly approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee, therefore Resolved, That the name St. Paul's be put upon the record of this convention instead of that of Trinity.

Dr. Paddock offered the following:—

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to select twelve clergymen who shall be willing at least four times during the year to present the case of diocesan missions to those parishes in which collections for the same have not been made, which shall express their desire therefor and that the respect to the collections of the collections. press their desire therefor, and that the names of said clergymen be published for the information of the rectors of these parishes and others. Mr. Weish desired that the number tweive should e stricken out, and that the Bishop be allowed to

be stricken out, and that the Bishop be allowed to fix his own number.

Dr. Paddock opposed this.

Dr. Watson—This is because the gentleman is High Church. (Laughter.)

Dr. Rudder remarked every year the time of conventions had been occupied in the discussion of this subject and no result attained. He was of the opinion that a pastoral from the Bishop, or corresponding action on the part of the clergy, would accomplish the desired object.

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Mr. Wm. J. Alston, of St Thomas' (colored), made a strong address in support of the resolutions. His church he thought was the humblest and poorest in Philadelphia, yet it had never falled to respond to all demands mane upon it in the cause of missions. A few Sundays ago, a disagreeable day, there were but thirty-three persons in the church, yet the collection averaged \$2 per head; this, too, in the face of the fact that the income of the richest of his members did not exceed \$50 per week. He was of the opinion that the subject should be officially presented in all the churches of the diecese.

Rev. Mr. Appleton stated that he had no confidence in the Diocesan Board of Missions. A great amount of money passed into their hands, but no good resulted therefrom. His own church gave 1200 on one occasion, but he never heard of it afterwards. He desired to see the resolutions voted down, and to see the convention march forth with hearts full of love for Christ after the example of St. Paul. He believed only in personal action and

personal effort, and not in centralization of funds.

After some further discussion the resolution was smended so as to incorporate the words, "and such laity as the Bishop may appoint," and strike out the word "four" and insert "one or more," and then

adopted.

The President then announced as the committee provided for by Mr. Merrick's resolution, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Watson, Rev. W. H. Hare, and J. Vaughan A resolution of thanks was then passed to the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, Lincoln Home and the Trustees of Girard College for invitations

A resolution of thanks to the rector and vestry-nen of St. Luke's Church for the use of their building and their courtesy was also adopted.

Dr. Beesley moved that 1000 copies of the journal of the convention be printed, and offered the fol-

owing:—
Resolved, That the Secretary shall be instructed to Resolved, That the Secretary shall be instructed to furnish those entitled to receive copies of the journal of the convention with the same, bound in cloth, when they shall have notified him of their desire to obtain them in this form, and shall pay the cost of binding. Adopted.

The Committee on the Insurance of the Lives of Clergymen was continued.

Rev. J. A. Hains offered the following, which was adopted:

adopted:—
Resolved, That the Committee on Form of Paro-

Resolved, That the Committee on Form of Paro-chial Report be requested to insert the item of "parochial schools" in the form of said report. The Committee on Parsonages reported progress, and was continued.

The Committee on Canons were not prepared to Tee Committee on the Proposed New Canon were

The Committee on the Proposed New Canon were discharged.

Mr. George M. Conarroe offered the following:—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the feasibility and propriety of securing minority represents ion (by means of cumulative voting or otherwise) in elections by the conventions of this diocese, to report at the next convention.

A resolution was passed that Christ Church.

A resolution was passed that Christ Church, Huntingdon; Emanuel Church, Mont Alto, Franklin county; and Zion Church, Tuscarora, not having complied with article 4 of the constitution, be no longer allowed to send a deputy or deputies to the The thanks of the convention were tendered to Rev. E. A. Warriner, of Montrose, Pa., for the able convention sermon delivered by him. Rev. Leighton Coleman, of Mauch Chunk, offered

Rev. Leighton coleman, of Mauch Chunk, offered the following:—

Resolved, That the Bishop of the diocese be respectfully requested to provide, either by adaptation of the prayer for Congress, or by setting forth a special form for prayer in behalf of the Legislature of this State, to be used in public worship during its

esons.

The whole subject was laid upon the table. Rev. Dr. Drum offered the following:

Resolved, That it is the right of the rector or minister in charge of a parish to preside at all parochial and vestry meetings where the charter does not contain anything which forbids it. But if there be no rector or minister, in charge or if he ways his no rector or minister in charge, or if he waive his right, one of the church wardens or vestrymen shall

preside.
The matter was referred to the Committee on the The matter was referred to the Committee on the Alteration of Canons.

The subject of the education of the sons of the clergy was referred to a committee of three to report next year. The President appointed as the committee provided for by Mr. Conarroe's resolution Rev. Drs. Hare, Howe, Rudder, G. M. Conarroe, and Isaac, Hazlehurst. G. W. Hunter and Judge Strond were added to the Committee on Alteration of Canons, also Mr. R. R. Montgomery and Rev. S. E. Appleton.

Appleton.
The Registrar's report was then read.
After the reading of the rough minutes of the day's session, and appropriate religious exercises, the Convention adjourned sine die. THE WILL OF MARY P. LOXLEY .- The Register of Wills has issued the following order with reference to the alleged last will of Mary P. Loxley, deceased, which has been a matter of

dispute for some time:-And now, May 19, 1870, it is ordered by the Register that further proceedings in the matter of the paper writings purporting to be the last will and codicils thereto of Mary P. Loxley, deceased, be discontinued, and that the caveats ceased, be discontinued, and that the caveats filed in said matter be dismissed, and that the said last will and codicils thereto, marked respectively J. H. C., April 19, 1870; first, J. H. C., April 19, 1870; second, J. H. C., April 19, 1870, and third, J. H. C., April 14, 1870, be duly admitted to probate; and that letters testamentary thereon be granted unto the surviving executors therein named.

THE REUNION OF THE ALUMNI OF GIRARD COLLEGE.—To-morrow the seventeenth annual reunion of the Alumni of Girard College comes off at that institution, it being the occasion of the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the birth of Stephen Girard. The exercises, which will commence in the morning at 11:30 o'clock in the main building, will consist of music by McClurg's Silver Cornet Band, addresses by W. H. Allen, LL. D., President of Girard College, William Welsh, Esq., President of the Board of Trusts, Colonel Wm. B. Mann, George R. Maguire, Esq., and the singing of an anniversary song by the Alumni. At 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon a grand promenade concert will be given, and after the concert there will be an exhibition drill by the College Cadets.

SHERIDAN'S RIDE.—On account of the damage done to the Academy of the Fine Arts by the hail-storm, the exhibition of T. Buchanan Read's picture of 'Sheridan's Ride" was abruptly brought to a close, much to the disappointment of a large number of our citizens.

Mr. T. B. Pugh has now secured the Artists' Fund Gallery, No. 1334 Chesnut street, opposite the Mint, where the picture will be placed on exhibition for a short time. At this gallery the picture will be in some respects more advantageously placed than it was at the Academy of Fine Arts. The exhibition will open to-morrow, and it will be made additionally interesting by the reading of the poem three times each day by Mr. J. B. Roberts, the eminent tragedian.

ORATORIO OF THE "MESSIAH."-The lovers of music, and our Presbyterian friends especially, will be pleased to know that the Handel and Haydn Society has been engaged to give, in their best style, this popular and grand oratorio, in honor of the General Assembly, at the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening, May 31. An improvement over the usual mode of providing such entertainments is, that the commis sioners will be distributed through the house instead of being seated in a body, thus leaving as good seats for their friends who purchase tickets. The sale of tickets will be announced a few days. Of course the house will be filled to its utmost capacity.

OUR GREAT NATIONAL PARK-THE VALLEY OF THE YO SEMITE .- Philadelphians justly feel proud of their magnificent city park, the New Yorkers of theirs, and the Brooklynites of the new Prospect Park of that city; but all Americans should feel a just pride in preserving as a great national park the wonderful valley of the Yo Semite in California—a spot unsurpassed on the globe for wild, sublime, and magnificent scenery. Professor Silliman, of Yale College, is to give our citizens some conception of the charms of this famous spot next Monday evening, in the Academy of Music. Secure your tickets in time.

Row at a Fair .- The colored folks of West Philadelphia are now holding a fair at Thirtyseventh and Market streets. Last evening disturbing element, in the shape of Frank Pearce, got into the room and caused a general panic by flourishing a revolver. He expressed himself as determined to shoot some one, but he was saved being taken to the scaffold by Policeman Moore putting in an appearance and arresting him. This morning Alderman Ran-dall accommodated him with quarters in Moya-

POLITICAL.-The North American of this Political...—The North American of this morning says:—"In the Eighth Legislative district a vigorous canvass is being made in behalf of W. L. Marshall, Esq., a lawyer of experience and a ready, argumentative speaker. Such men are needed in the State Legislature, and especially delegation." cially in our city delegation.

A SHOE THIEF. - George Wear, evidently with the intent of seeking accommodations in the County Prison, went last evening into a shoe shop at Tenth and Carpenter streets and stole a pair of shoes. There was no trouble in effecting his arrest, and he was sent below by Alderman

A FISHING PARTY.—The Mayor, accompanied by a number of his lieutenants of police, spent yesterday afternoon in a pleasure trip on the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers, and wound up the day's entertainment at the Fish House, where an elegant repast was disposed of.

FOURTH EDITION

Movements of United States Troops

Congress to Adjourn July 15.

Commissioner Douglass and Informers.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Adjournment. Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Senate has agreed to the House resolution for adjournment, with an amendment fixing the time for the 15th of July.

The Ninety-five Million Bill. The Banking and Currency Committee had up the ninety-five million bill to-day, and made some amendments, but the bill was not agreed upon. The House is considering the Consular and Diplomatic bill, but the debate is not as spicy as yester-

The Georgia Case. Forney's Chronicle to-morrow will contain a two-column article in reply to the report of the Judiciary Committee, wherein he will show up the records of Senators who signed the majority report.

The House Concurs in the Adjournment.

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the resolution of adjournment, and it is now definitely settled that both houses will adjourn July 15.

Troops for the West.

From the Associated Fress.

Washington, May 28.—As soon as the recruits recently ordered by the War Department to be sent to the 4th Infantry, in the Department of the Platte, have been forwarded, the superintendent of the general recruiting service at St. Louis will forward, under proper charge, in detachments of convenient size, 260 recruits from those which may be disposable at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Fort Shaw, Montans, for assignment to the 7th U. S. infantry, Vigintians of the Revenue Laws in Texas.

Violations of the Revenue Laws in Texas. A telegram was received to-day from Supervisor Bridgeland, announcing that 54 indictments have been found by the Grand Jury at Tyler, Texas, against parties for violating the revenue laws, the list including several ex-revenue officials.

The Income Tax. The Income Tax.

Supervisor Harrison reports an increase of assessments of incomes in the Fifth collection district of New Jersey over last year of \$85,000.

A Palatini Market House.

The President informed the House by message today that he had signed the bill incorporating a company to erect a new market house on the site of the present rude structures on Pennsylvania avenue.

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Tobacce and the Revenue—Letter from Commissioner Douglass.

Acting Commissioner Douglass has written the following letter to a party in Albany:

Sir:—I have received your letter of the 2d inst., in which you state that upon the receipt of my letter of February 8, you commenced five suits against for using half barreis for putting up tobacco a second and third time, and that after hearings before the United States Commissioner, upon the recommendation of District Attorney Black these suits were all dismissed, and you now write to inquire if there is no way by which Mr. Blank can be rearrested for the offense charged against him. In reply I have to inform you that however reluctant you may be to give up this case and to fall in claiming your anticipated moieties, I am entirely satisfied with the decision made by the former.

From your own statement of this case it was

former.

From your own statement of this case it was clearly a trick on your part, aided perhaps by the person who purchased the tobacco of Mr. Blank, to commit the latter to a technical violation of the law,

commit the latter to a technical violation of the law, in order that you might bring the suits. Clearly, it was not out of any respect you had for the law, or care that its requirements should all be faithfully complied with, or fear that the revenue would be defrauded.

I am informed that both you and your accomplice distinctly stated before the United States Commissioner that the stamps were thoroughly removed from the packages after they were first emptied, and that when they were refilled by Mr. Blank he affixed genuine new stamps, thus demonstrating that Mr. from the packages after they were first emptied, and that when they were refilled by Mr. Blank he affixed genuine new stamps, thus demonstrating that Mr. Blank neither intended nor practised any frand upon the revenue. Mr. Blank is a manufacturer and dealer in tobacso. He has given bonds in the sum of \$6000 for the faithful performance of all the requirements of the law and the payment of taxes which may accrue against him. As a dealer and manufacturer he has paid censiderable sums of money into the United States Treasury, and is therefore entitled to some consideration at the hands of the Government, protection at least against voluntary spics and self-appointed detectives, who would set traps and snares for honest men for the molety of a \$100 fine, and sell their manhood for thirty pieces of silver. You ask for an answer to your letter, that you may show to ———. I shall be very glad if you will show this to the Commissioner, that he may know that I approve of his disposition of these cases, and further that he may know in what estimation this office holds men who make a business of hunting up technical violations of law and entering complaints in hope of obtaining therefrom moitles and informers' shares.

Cabinet Meeting.

The usual Cabinet meeting was held to-day. Secretaries Fish and Robeson were not present, and Assistant Secretary Davis represented the State Department. Mr. Robeson went to Annapolis this morning.

FROM EUROPE.

Burned in Emgy. Paris, Mey 20.—Deputy Steenacker was burned in effigy by a number of the residents of his district last evening, on account of his opposition to the

plebiscite.

The French Commissioe. The proceedings of the French Commission on the subject of administrative decentralization is said to justify hopes for important concessions to the local governments.

MERRY CHIMES.

The Scenes of ' '61" and "'65" Renewed-

The Scenes of '61" and "'65" Renewed— The Bell of Independence in the Hands of a Lunatic—Immense Excitement.

At precisely twenty minutes past 2 o'clock to-day the State House bell began pealing forth in resonant tones. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, sounded the "old bell, and ere the last stroke echoed in the air over one thou-sand persons had gathered in State House Row. From north, from south, from east, from west the dense mass came surging in, and in a few minutes over three thousand had assembled. Every one inquired the cause. Soon fire companies came pour-ing in, and an immense scene of excitement was the inquired the cause. Soon are companies came pouring in, and an immense scene of excitement was the
result. Presently the bell-ringer of the State House,
Michael V. Murphy, appeared with a young manwearing a white hat. Being taken before Alderman
Kerr, Mr. Murphy testified that he found him striking the bell. Being asked why he did so he replied,
"MERRY CHIMES OF FREEDOM," and no more. He
is evidently insane. is evidently insane.

there will be a meeting of the General Com-mittee on Contributions to the Richmond Relief Fund at the Mayor's office. A full attendance has been requested.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.-The quarterly meeting of the Teachers' Institute will be held this afternoon at the Boy's High School, Broad and Green streets. As usual, the proceedings will be interspersed with musical exercises.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING.—Schuylkill Har-ber Policeman Engard and McGeehan last evening rescued Patrick McCormick from drowning at the foot of Arch street. He was removed to his home, No 2844 Vine street.

Missine.—Willie Entwistle, aged twelve years, has been missing from his residence, No. 587 North Front street, since yesterday

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